

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Psychologists
Managed Care Plans

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Medical Assistance Administration

Subject: Replacement Page for Psychology Billing Instructions, dated October 2003

The purpose of this memorandum is to correct page A.1 of the Medical Assistance Administration's (MAA) Psychology Billing Instructions, dated October 2003.

What is changing?

Page A.1 of MAA's Psychology Billing Instructions, dated October 2003 incorrectly listed the General Assistance Unemployable (GAU) program as eligible for psychological evaluation. Clients who present a DSHS Medical ID card with the "GAU" medical identifier must go to their local community mental health center to see a psychologist.

Attached is replacement page A.1/A.2 with the GAU medical identifier removed from the "Who is eligible" section.

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Client Eligibility

Who is eligible?

Clients presenting Medical Assistance ID Cards with the following identifiers are eligible for psychological evaluations:

Medical Program Identifier	Medical Program
CNP	Categorically Needy Program
CNP CHIP	Categorically Needy Program - Children's Health Insurance Program
LCP-MNP	Limited Casualty Program-Medically Needy Program

Who is not eligible?

Clients presenting Medical ID Cards with the following identifier are not eligible for psychological evaluations:

Medical Program Identifier	Medical Program
Family Planning Only	Family Planning Only

Note: Clients whose Medical ID cards list the "GAU" medical identifier must go their local community mental health center for mental health services.

What about clients who are enrolled in an MAA managed care plan?

Clients whose Medical ID Cards bear an identifier in the HMO column are enrolled in an MAA managed health care plan. Clients with identifiers in the HMO must be referred by their primary care provider in their managed care plan. Call the HMO telephone number located on the client's Medical ID Card. If the HMO refers the client to you for services, the HMO is responsible for reimbursing you for the services.

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